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SUBJ: GOT RESTRICTIONS ON JUSMMAT MONITORING OF UTILIZATION OF
MAP EQUIPMENT

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, TURKISH GENERAL STAFF ON FEBRUARY 14 REQUESTED THAT ROUTINE VISITS TO TURKISH MILITARY UNITS BE SUSPENDED AND NOTED THAT ROUTINE REPORTS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES TO JUSMMAT WOULD NOT SERVE A PRACTICAL PURPOSE. TGS OFFICIALS HAVE EXPLAINED THAT CONTINUATION OF NORMAL JUSMMAT ACTIVITIES UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD RESULT IN PUBLIC PRESSURES FOR ACTION AGAINST US MILITARY PRESENCE, WHICH TGS MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO RESIST.

2. TGS RESTRICTIONS HAVE INTERRUPTED JUSMMAT ACCESS TO ROUTINE INFORMATION FORMERLY RECEIVED ON UTILIZATION OF MAP EQUIPMENT. NO END ITEM UTILIZATION INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED SINCE FEBRUARY 14. JUSMMAT HAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED A MAP EQUIPMENT REPORT DUE FROM THE TURKISH NAVY IN FEBRUARY. THE TURKISH ARMY MAP EQUIPMENT REPORT, ALSO DUE IN FEBRUARY, WAS INCOMPLETE. THE TURKISH AIR FORCE REPORT IS DUE THE END OF MAY.

3. WHILE GAP IN REPORTS AND INSPECTIONS HAS NOT RPT NOT CRITICALLY REDUCED OUR OVERALL KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION AND CONDITION OF MAP EQUIPMENT AND WHILE WE UNDERSTAND TGS MOTIVE IN IMPOSING SUCH RESTRICTIONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASCERTAIN IS

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POSSIBLE WHETHER OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE RESTRICTIONS WOULD

CONSTITUTE CONTRAVENTION ON PART OF JUSMMAT OR GOT OF
LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY. FROM OUR READING OF AVAILABLE TEXTS, WE
CANNOT ESTABLISH THAT TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF INSPECTIONS AND
REPORTS PLACES EITHER GOT OR JUSMMAT IN CONTRAVENTION OF
APPLICABLE LAWS AND DOD DIRECTIVES. THERE MAY, HOWEVER,
BE PROBLEM WITH 1947 BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH COMMITS THE
GOT TO FURNISH CHIEF JUSMMAT AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES "EVERY
FACILITY AND EVERY ASSISTANCE WITH HE MAY REQUEST IN THE
WAY OF REPORTS, INFORMATION AND OBSERVATION CONCERNING THE
UTILIZATION AND PROGRESS OF ASSISTANCE FURNISHED."

4. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE PREFER NOT RPT NOT TO APPRAOCH GOT ON
THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, FEEL OBLIGED TO DO SO
IF CONTINUED APPLICATION OF RESTICTIONS ON JUSMMAT ACTIVITIES
POSES LEGAL PROBLEMS. WE WOULD MOST APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.
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